



Winter Holiday Activities Due: December 15th, 2016

Name: _____

You are going to be working on the following Holiday Activities **in class**. Take care with your activities, making sure each activity is completed to the best of your ability. **Please be sure to use class time wisely!** Be organized; **include a title page with your name, class and date**. When you are done, you will have a complete ensemble of holiday activities and celebrations that represent you and your holiday traditions. Read the ideas, if you would like to invent an activity of your own, please discuss this with Ms. MacQueen. Your assignments will be **due Thursday, December 15th, 2016**. Samples will be shown in class of these activities. **Draft work is required**; activities are to be completed in class. Enjoy! ☺

Getting started:

☐ Students will be expected to come to class prepared each day as they will be working on this project during class time.

☐ **If students do not come to class prepared, this will affect their final grade.**

Materials required: Duo tang, page protectors, white paper, construction paper, coloured pencils, scissors, glue, markers and any other materials you would like to use in creating your activities such as scrapbooking materials, magazines to make collages, etc.

****Please complete 7 (6+ title page) of the following, 2 of which must be written pieces:**

1. Write a **poem** entitled "What the holidays mean to me..."
 - ☐ This may take any form you want but it must be well thought out and written.
 - ☐ Include **the five senses** in your poem, such as the sights, sounds, tastes, smells and the way things feel at this time of year.
 - ☐ Poem in a **presentation format** (ready to display with a **border and decoration**).
 - ☐ **Draft work is required**, be sure to check over your spelling!
2. Make a detailed **timeline** of how you spend your time over the holidays from December 23rd until January 9th although not all days may have an activity.
 - ☐ Your timeline must be a **visual representation**, be creative!
 - ☐ Include dates, activities, who is involved, pictures, symbols, etc.
 - ☐ Display on 8 ½ by 11 paper, **very little white** showing, **minimal text (use symbols)**.
 - ☐ In addition to the timeline, please write a short description about the main activities.
 - ☐ Be sure to use a ruler, work should look polished!
3. **Architect or artist:** Invent a new toy or device just in time for the holidays.
 - ☐ On 8 ½ by 11 paper, sketch and design your toy or device with the proper labels (min. 6).
 - ☐ Explain the toy, the cost and the target audience for this toy/device.
 - ☐ Present this information in a colourful magazine advertisement or a sketch, like an architect.
 - ☐ Include details of motion, features, price, target audience, stores where it can be purchased.
4. Select one of your **favourite winter activities**.
 - ☐ On 8 ½ by 11 paper, sketch, model, collage, painting, or sculpture.
 - ☐ Label your activity with your name and class.
 - ☐ Write a description, in good copy, about your sketch or to accompany the model.
 - ☐ This is in presentation format.
5. Hallmark has selected you to create a **new Holiday card**.
 - ☐ Design a card and **write an original verse** for what you would consider to be the **ideal** Holiday card of 2016.
 - ☐ You can design your card celebrating any winter holiday or tradition.
 - ☐ Be sure to consider a target audience, originality, detail and colour.

6. **Then vs. Now:** Interview older family member and compare what it is like for them to spend a holiday in New Brunswick.
- ☐ Present 5 questions from your interview and your participant's answers. Ex. How were their celebrations different? What was it like when they were growing up?
 - ☐ Then compare and contrast the two in a write up.
 - ☐ Planning is required (Prepare questions in advance, arrange a time with your interviewee, ask if you may use what they say you're your project).
 - ☐ Your write up should be between 200 – 250 words and will require a photo/picture of you and your interviewee. Please include your draft/graphic organizer.
7. **Perform a passage** from your favourite holiday play, story, or perform a piece of your favourite holiday music, the choice is yours.
- ☐ Write a brief description, to insert into your duo tang of what your plans and why you chose this activity.
 - ☐ You will perform this in front of the class.
 - ☐ Please make arrangements with Ms. MacQueen to ensure your performance before the break.
 - ☐ If you work/perform with a peer, you must present more than one activity.
8. **"Twas the night before..."** (the holiday you celebrate) and all through the house..."
- ☐ Create your own version of this famous, well-loved poem.
 - ☐ Follow the same rhyming scheme and include at least 6 stanzas; presentation format.
 - ☐ Examples will be shown in class.
9. **Acts of kindness** are not uncommon during the holiday season. If you, and perhaps your family are involved in an act of kindness, serving dinner and the community kitchen, gathering food for the Food Bank or perhaps buying a gift for a struggling family, tell us about it.
- ☐ How did you feel? Why did you participate? What was the purpose of the activity? Will you participate again?
 - ☐ Where did the idea come from?
 - ☐ 200-250 words in good copy.

Final Checklist:

- ☐ Is my work polished?
- ☐ Is my draft work included?
- ☐ Have I reviewed my spelling, colouring and added any final touches?
- ☐ Do I have all required parts included in my folder/ duo tang?
- ☐ Do I have my final work placed in page protectors?
- ☐ Do I have at least 2 written activities?
- ☐ Do I have 6 completely activities and a title page?
- ☐ Have I arranged a time with Ms. MacQueen to present? (if you chose to complete activity #7)

Your rubric will be passed out to you once you have completed all aspects of your project. You are required to self-assess and then place it in your folder along with your completed Holiday Project. Please read the descriptions and activities carefully so that full credit can be given to your holiday activities booklet. I look forward to reading about your holiday traditions!



Happy Holidays!

